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NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
Nature Centers Division
1130 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10028

Price $1.00

GENERAL INFORMATION

A partial list of outdoor education projects on a nationwide basis, with brief descriptions of unusual facilities, has been prepared by the National Audubon Society, Nature Centers Division, to let interested people know where the projects are located.

The centers are open all year unless information to the contrary is given. Most centers are closed at least one day a week, often on Monday. A person desiring to talk to the director or who wants a guided tour should make an appointment well in advance of the visiting date.

Facility Information

A nature center usually has most of the following features and programs:

- Nature trails with labels or self-guiding booklets
- Guided walks on scheduled basis for local school classes, youth groups and clubs
- Guided tours by appointment for visiting individuals or groups
- Interpretive education building with exhibits and meeting space
- Seasonal programs for adults and children
- Educational workshops for teachers and youth group leaders.

A resident outdoor school (sometimes called school camp) has a natural area to use as an outdoor laboratory and resident facilities for groups.

An outdoor laboratory is a natural area or arboretum with trails and minimum facilities.

ARIZONA

Phoenix — Desert Botanical Garden, Papago Park, 6400 East McDowell Road, P.O. Box 5415 (85010)
Tel: 947-2800
One of the world's finest gardens of desert plants

Tucson — Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, P.O. Box 5602
A living exhibit of desert flora and fauna

CALIFORNIA

Bolinas — Audubon Canyon Ranch, Marin and Golden Gate Audubon Societies
900-acre sanctuary and educational center

El Monte — Audubon Center of Southern California, National Audubon Society, 1000 North Durfee Avenue (91733)
Tel: 213-444-1872
Guided field trips with naturalists for school, youth and adult groups by appointment

Long Beach — Nature Center, City of Long Beach, 2760 Studebaker Road

Oakland — Rotary Natural Science Center, Bellevue and Perkins, Lakeside Park. Mailing address: Oakland Park Department, City Hall, Room 224, (94612)
Tel: 415-273-3739

San Diego — Camp Cuyamaca (for grade schools) - Camp Palomar (for high schools)--resident outdoor schools for San Diego city-county

Tiburon — Audubon Center of Northern California, National Audubon Society, 376 Tiburon Boulevard (94920)
Tel: 415-388-2524
Guided field trips with naturalists for school, youth, and adult groups by appointment

COLORADO

Evergreen — Outdoor Education Laboratory School, Jefferson County School District--residence outdoor school

CONNECTICUT

Fairfield

Roy and Margot Larsen Audubon Sanctuary,
2325 Burr St. (06432)
Tel: 259-6305
Guided tours by appointment

Birdcraft Museum, 314 Unquowa Rd. (06431)
Tel: 259-1063
School, youth and adult groups

Greenwich

Audubon Center of Greenwich, National Audubon Society, 613 Riversville Rd. (06830)
Tel: 203-869-5272
Guided field trips with naturalists for school, youth, and adult groups by appointment

Audubon Natural Science Field Workshops in Connecticut, National Audubon Society, 613 Riversville Rd. (06830)
Summer only
Tel: 203-869-2017
Workshop for adults

New Canaan

Nature Center, Oenoke Avenue

New Haven

West Rock Nature Center, P.O. Box 2969
White Oak Club with work experience for younsters

New London

Thames Science Center, 622 Williams St. (06320)

Sharon

Sharon Audubon Center, National Audubon Society
Route 4 (06069)
Tel: 203-364-5826
Guided field trips with naturalists for school, youth, and adult groups by appointment

Stamford

Stamford Museum and Nature Center, High Ridge and Scofieldtown Rds. (06903)
Tel: 203-322-1646
A community cultural center--children's farm, zoo, nature trails, observatory, planetarium, art and science programs

CONNECTICUT

Westport — Mid-Fairfield County Youth Museum, 10 Woodside Lane

Woodbury — Flanders Nature Center, Church Hill Rd. (06798)
Tel: 263-3711

DELAWARE

Greenville — Indian Spring Nature Center, Brandywine Creek State Park. Sponsored by Delaware Nature Education Center, Inc., P.O. Box 3900 (19807)
Tel: 302-658-0204

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington — Arboretum Center, National Arboretum
Widening Horizons, a program for high school students

Washington — Rock Creek Nature Center, Glover Rd., off Military Rd.
Tel: 737-1820 Ext. 638
Address inquiries to: Superintendent, National Capital Parks, U. S. Dept. of Interior

FLORIDA

Babson Park — Babson Park Audubon Center--Florida and Ridge Audubon Societies. U.S. Alt. 27 at N. Crooked Lake Drive, RFD Box 1498 (33827)
Tel: 638-1355

Lake Wales — Mountain Lake Sanctuary--Singing Tower. Entrance from U.S. Alt. 27, P.O. Box 268 (33853)
Tel: 638-1355
Naturalist-conducted visits for youth and adult groups. Open every day

West Palm Beach — Pine Jog Conservation Education Center, Dillman Rd. (33406)
Tel: 683-1325
100 acres of native pine flatwoods with thick undergrowth of saw palmetto, coco plum and gallberry

ILLINOIS

Carbondale — Outdoor Education Center, Southern Illinois University, 606½ South Marion Street (62903)
Resident facilities, day-use area for school and college classes

Lisle — Morton Arboretum, Route 53 (60532)

Oregon — Lorado Taft Field Campus, Northern Illinois University, Box 299 (61061)
Tel: 732-2111
Resident outdoor school for elementary and college classes. Summer courses and workshops

Peoria — Forest Park Nature Center, 5809 Forest Park Drive (61614)
Tel: 688-6413

River Forest — Cook County Forest Preserve District, 536 North Harlem Ave. (60305)
Tel: 369-9420

1. Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
   Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), Willow Springs

2. River Trail Nature Center
   Milwaukee Ave. (Route 21), near Wheeling

3. Sand Ridge Nature Center
   Paxton Ave., South Holland

Centers open May through October. Teacher workshops

Rockford — Rockford Outdoor Education School, 2121 New Milford School Rd. (61109)
Resident facilities for public school classes, day school

Springfield — Nature Center, Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden

INDIANA

Martinsville

Bradford Woods - Camp James Whitcomb Riley
Camp Pioneer
Indiana University outdoor education, camping and recreation leadership training center

KENTUCKY

Clermont

Nature and Arboretum Centers, Bernheim Forest, one mile east of Kentucky Turnpike on State Highway 245 (40110)
Tel: 502-543-2451
10,000-acre forest area. Open March 15-November 15

Golden Pond

Conservation Education Center, Land Between the Lakes, Tennessee Valley Authority
P.O. Box 27 (42231) Tel: 502-924-5602
Resident outdoor school, day-use area for elementary, high school and college groups

Pineville

Nature Center, Pine Mountain State Park
Open during park season

MAINE

Medomak

Audubon Camp in Maine, Todd Wildlife Sanctuary, National Audubon Society. Mailing address: Audubon Camp Dept., 613 Riversville Rd., Greenwich (06830)
Summer camp for adults

MARYLAND

Bel Air

Fresh Air Camp and Harford Glen
Resident outdoor schools for Harford County School District

Cabin John

Noah's Ark Children's Farm, Cabin John Regional Park, 7400 Lux Court, Rockville, Maryland (20852)
Tel: 299-4555

MARYLAND

Centreville
Wye Institute
Summer educational camp, conference center

Clinton
Clinton Nature Center, Clinton Regional Park, (20735)
Tel: 868-1397

Thurmont
Outdoor school, Camp Greentop, mailing address: Frederick County Board of Education, 115 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland (21701)
Resident outdoor school - open fall and spring

Wheaton
Brookside Nature Center, Wheaton Regional Park, 1400 Glenallen Ave. (20902)
Tel: 946-9071

MASSACHUSETTS

Barre
Wildwood Nature Camp
Cook's Canyon Wildlife Sanctuary
Massachusetts Audubon Society
Summer camp for children

Brewster
The Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Inc. (02631)
Tel: 386-3867
200-acre salt marsh outdoor laboratory

Lenox
Nature Center
Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary
Massachusetts Audubon Society

Lincoln
Drumlin Farm, Massachusetts Audubon Society
Hatheway School of Conservation Education, nature center, farm program, counselor's workshops

Milton
Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Ave. Route 138
Tel: 333-0690

Norfolk
Nature Center, Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary
Massachusetts Audubon Society

MASSACHUSETTS

Princeton	Nature Center, Wachusett Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, Massachusetts Audubon Society
Springfield	Trailside Museum, Forest Park
Topsfield	Nature Center, Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, Massachusetts Audubon Society

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor	Conservation Outdoor Laboratory Project Ann Arbor Board of Education A coordinated program in grades K-12 of using "land for learning"
Augusta	Kellogg Bird Sanctuary (near Gull Lake) Rte. 1 Box 339 (49012) Tel: 616-671-5721 Ecological research, migratory and resident waterfowl
Brighton	Nature Center, Kensington Metropolitan Park Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
Detroit	Happy Isles Nature Center, Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation
Dowling	Clear Lake Camp Resident outdoor school for Battle Creek School District, also leased to other school districts
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Nature Center, 7000 North Westnedge Ave. (49001) Tel: 381-1574 Distinctive interpretive building-children's farm, research programs
Lansing	Nature Center, Arboretum Park, 2020 East Mount Hope Ave. (48910)
Lansing	Woldumar, Nature Way Association, 5539 Lansing Rd. (48917) Tel: 372-4991 Nature education and rural life center

MICHIGAN

Roscommon — Higgins Lake Conservation Training School
Michigan Department of Conservation
Outdoor school and conference center

Westland — Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail (at Farmington Road)(48184)

NEBRASKA

Omaha — Natural Science Center, Fontenelle Forest, 1111 Bellevue Boulevard North (68005)
Tel: 402-731-3140
1500-acre deciduous forest--largest in midwest and a national landmark

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Allenstown — Bear Brook Nature Center, New Hampshire Audubon Society, Bear Brook State Park. Open July 1 through September 4
For information: Audubon Society of New Hampshire, 18 School Street, Concord, N.H.
Tel: 228-8221. After July 2 write or phone: Director, Audubon Nature Center, Bear Brook State Park, Route 1, Suncook, N.H.
Tel: 485-3782

Peterborough — Camp Sargent - University of Boston
Resident outdoor school

NEW JERSEY

Branchville — New Jersey State School of Conservation, Box 372, R.D. #1
Resident outdoor schools for elementary, high school and college classes. Summer courses, workshops, and demonstrations. Children's summer camps

Mountainside — Trailside Museum, Watchung Reservation, New Providence Rd. and Coles Ave.

NEW JERSEY

Newton — Outdoor Education Project - School of the Outdoors
Title III: ESEA project

New Brunswick — Outdoor Nature Conservation Museum, National Headquarters, Boy Scouts of America. Corner of Routes 1 and 130
A 20-acre highly developed area of exhibits and demonstrations

NEW MEXICO

Abiquiu — Ghost Ranch Museum (87510) Tel: 505-685-2237
Extensive outdoor interpretive exhibits on southwestern region of U.S.A.

NEW YORK

Bear Mountain — Nature Trails and Trailside Museum, Bear Mountain State Park
Established in 1927 with one of the early nature trails in the country

Bedford — Westmoreland Sanctuary, Chestnut Ridge Rd.
Mailing address: Box 335, R.D. 2, Mt. Kisco (10549)
Tel: 914-666-8448
Adult programs

Bronx — Wave Hill Environmental Science Center, Riverdale Park
Serves New York City schools

Ithaca — Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 33 Sapsucker Woods Rd. (14850) Tel: 607-275-5056
Stuart Observatory
Overlooking 10-acre pond

Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary
180-acre outdoor laboratory

Mamaroneck — Sheldrake River Trails, address: Mamaroneck Town Hall
Comprehensive school program

New Paltz	Gateway Center Outdoor Laboratory Tel: 914-256-7108 Title III:ESEA project
Rochester	Nature Center, Monroe County Department of Parks, 375 Westfall Rd. (14620) Tel: Ed 4-3780
Rye	Nature Center, Rye City Park
Scarsdale	Weinberg Nature Center, 455 Mamaroneck Rd. (10583) Tel: 914-472-4744
Sherburne	Rogers Conservation Education Center (13460) Conservation farm, native fish and waterfowl
Spring Valley	Lakeside School Nature Center Tel: 914-356-7000
Staten Island	High Rock Nature Conservation Center, Nevada Ave. (10306) Tel: 212-987-6233 Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences, 75 Stuyvesant Place (10301) Tel: 212-987-1135 Operates program of the High Rock Nature Conservation Center. Uses the Davis Wildlife Refuge and other natural areas as outdoor laboratories

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte	Nature Museum, 1658 Sterling Rd. (28209) 30-acre wooded plot, living exhibit of North Carolina flora and fauna
Greensboro	Natural Science Center, 4301 Lawndale Drive (27408)

OHIO

Akron

Seiberling Nature Center, Sand Run Metropolitan Park (44305)
Tel: 733-4900

Bay Village

Lake Erie Junior Nature and Science Center, Huntington Park Reservation (44140)
Tel: 871-2900

Cincinnati

Cincinnati Nature Center, Route 1, Milford (45150) located at 4949 Tealtown Rd., south of Perintown
Tel: 513-831-1711

Nippert Nature Museum, Sharon Woods Park, Hamilton County Park District. Mailing address: 10245 Winton Rd. (45231)
Tel: 521-9866

Cleveland

Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, 2048 Standard Building (44113)
Tel: 216-621-1054

1. Brecksville Trailside Museum
   Full time June through Labor Day, weekends and by appointment the rest of the year

2. Rocky River Trailside Museum
   Same schedule as Brecksville Trailside Museum

3. North Chagrin Trailside Museum
   Same schedule as Rocky River Trailside Museum

Cleveland Heights

Red Raider Camp
Resident outdoor school for fifth and sixth grades

Columbus

Blacklick Woods Center, Darby Creek Center
Mailing address: Columbus Metropolitan Park Board
1251 East Broad Street
Tel: 258-9575
Leadership training workshops

Dayton

Aullwood Audubon Center, National Audubon Society, 1000 Aullwood Rd. (45414)
Tel: 513-898-3371
Guided field trips with naturalists for school,

OHIO

Dayton

Aullwood Audubon Center (continued)
youth, and adult groups by appointment

Aullwood Children's Farm, National Audubon Society, 9101 Frederick Rd. (45414)
Tel: 513-898-2881
125-acre working children's farm. Guided field trips with farm naturalists for school, youth and adult groups by appointment

Kirtland Township

The Holden Arboretum, Sperry Rd., Mentor (44060)
Tel: 216-946-4400
2100-acre outdoor laboratory. Guided tours (call Cleveland office, tel: 241-0885)

Mansfield

Kingwood Center, 900 Park Avenue West, Route 430 (44903)

Newark

The Dawes Arboretum, Rural Route #5 (43055)
Guided tours by appointment

Toledo

Toledo Metropolitan Park District, Lucas County Courthouse (43624)
Tel: 248-5911 Ext 349
Secor Park Nature Center

Oak Openings Lodge
Overnight workshops and programs

Wilmot

Stark Wilderness Center, Box 38 (44689)
Tel: 216-359-4231
409-acre area, contains the Sigrist Woods, outstanding deciduous trees

Yellow Springs

Outdoor Education Center, Glen Helen, Antioch College (45387)
Conference center, workshops, courses
Resident outdoor school for grade, high school and college classes

Nature Center, Glen Helen, Antioch College
1200-acre natural area

PENNSYLVANIA

Abington

Briar Bush Nature Center, 1212 Edgehill Rd., mailing address: 1176 Old York Rd.
Tel: 884-5000
Unique feature is the Griscom Observatory for seeing wildlife through "one-way" plate glass

Clinton

Wildflower Reserve. Project of Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, in Raccoon Creek Valley of Beaver County on U.S. 30. Mailing address: Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, 204 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh (15222)
Tel: 412-471-1660
Tours for groups by appointment

Ligonier

Bioscience Center, Powdermill Nature Reserve of Carnegie Museum, Star Route South, Rector (15677)
Tel: 412-593-2221
April through October by appointment

Lima

Outdoor Education Project, Rose Tree Media School District, Box 66 (19060)
Title III: ESEA project

Milford

Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies
Tel: 717-296-8594

New Hope

Bowman's Hill State Wildflower Preserve, Washington Crossing State Park
Interpretive building, 100 acres set aside as a sanctuary for native plants

Ohiopyle

Ferncliff Nature Reserve. Project of Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. Mailing address: 204 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh (15222)
Tel: 412-471-1660
Tours for groups by appointment

Philadelphia

Schuylkill Valley Nature Center, Hagy's Mill Rd. (19128)
Tel: Iv 2-7300

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh — Pittsburgh Park Department, 502 City County Building

1. Frick Park Nature Museum
2. Highland Park King Conservation Center
3. Riverview Park Wissahickon Trailside Museum
4. Schenley Park Nature Museum

TEXAS

Fort Worth — Greer Island Nature Center, mailing address: Children's Museum, 1501 Montgomery St. (76107)
Tel: 817-732-1631

Tyler — Camp Tyler, Route 10, Box 346 (75701)
Public school camp

VIRGINIA

Bassett — Nature Center, Fairy Stone State Park.
Mailing address: Stuart, Virginia
Seasonal naturalist

Chesterfield Courthouse — Nature Center, Pocahontas State Park.
3 miles from Chesterfield Courthouse. Mailing address: Chesterfield
Seasonal naturalist

Clifton Forge — Nature Center, Douthat State Park. 9 miles east of Clifton Forge. Mailing address: Clifton Forge
Seasonal naturalist

Marion — Nature Center, Hungry Mother State Park. Three miles from Marion. Mailing address: Marion
Seasonal naturalist

Waterford — The National Humane Education Center, Humane Society of the United States, Box 143 (22190)
Tel: 882-5641

WEST VIRGINIA

Morgantown — Arboretum
100-acre stand of native trees and other plants.

Wheeling — Brooks Nature Center, Oglebay Institute,
Oglebay Park (26003)
Tel: 304-242-4200

WISCONSIN

Drummond — Wisconsin State University Camp
Summer workshops in conservation outdoor education and field biology for State University system

Eagle River — Trees for Tomorrow Camp
Resident outdoor school, summer courses, high school and college workshops

Ellison Bay — The Clearing--operated by Wisconsin Farm Bureau. For information: Mertha Fulkerson, Resident Manager, The Clearing, Ellison Bay
Open to public Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Madison — Arboretum, University of Wisconsin
A 1218-acre outdoor laboratory. Many native Wisconsin habitats restored on area

Poynette — Conservation Education Center, Wisconsin Conservation Department. Located 30 miles north of Madison

Sarona — Audubon Camp in Wisconsin, National Audubon Society, mailing address: Audubon Camp Dept., 618 Riversville Rd., Greenwich Connecticut (06830)
Summer camp for adults

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Dells	University of Wisconsin Camp, Upham Woods Summer camp. Programs for students, teacher workshops

WYOMING

Dubois	Audubon Camp of the West, National Audubon Society, mailing address: Audubon Camp of the West, P.O. Box 3666, El Monte, California (91733) Summer camp for adults

ADDENDUM

CONNECTICUT

New London	Pequot-Sepos Wildlife Sanctuary

MASSACHUSETTS

Easthampton	Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary (01027) Massachusetts Audubon Society Extensive wildlife plantings, trails, natural history day camp
Sharon	Moosehill Wildlife Sanctuary (02067) Massachusetts Audubon Society Nature trails, natural history day camp
South Wellfleet	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (02663) Massachusetts Audubon Society Tel: 617-349-2615 Nature trails, wayside exhibits, natural history day camp, beach buggy wildlife tours

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Greenfield	Otter Lake School of Conservation Resident outdoor school and summer camp.